

IN THE SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE)
TIRE CASES)

THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO)
ALL ACTIONS.)

Case No. 01MD-3

Judge Thomas W. Brothers

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ORDER MODIFYING ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION

Pursuant to Rule 16, T.R.C.P. and the inherent powers of the Court, the Court hereby

ORDERS:

1. This Order hereby supercedes the Court's order dated May 21, 2001.
2. Pre-Trial Consolidation. This Order shall apply to all cases filed in the trial courts of Davidson County, as of this date or afterwards, in which Bridgestone Corporation and Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. (n/k/a Bridgestone/Firestone North America Tire, LLC) are named co-defendants and in which Ford Motor Company is not a defendant. These cases are consolidated for pre-trial purposes only. This Order is not a determination that any of these actions should be consolidated for trial, and does not have the effect of making any entity a party to an action in which it has not been named and served.
3. Master Docket and File. The master docket and case file style of In re Bridgestone/Firestone & General Motors Corp. Tire Cases, case no. 01MD-3, shall be changed to In re Bridgestone/Firestone Tire Cases, case no. 01MD-3.

All orders, pleadings, motions and other documents will, when filed and docketed in the Master File, be deemed filed and docketed in each individual case to the extent applicable.

4. Captions: Separate Filing. Orders, pleadings, motions and other documents will bear a caption similar to that of this order. If generally applicable to all consolidated actions, they shall include in their caption the notation that they relate to "ALL CASES" and be filed and docketed only in the master file. Documents intended to apply only to particular cases and which would not be of interest except to the parties directly affected by it should

bear the caption and case number of that specific case rather than a master file. Any such document shall be docketed and filed in that specific case and not in the master file.

Any additional cases will be filed as all other cases and assigned to this Court. They will receive a regular civil docket number. Service and other specific pleadings will be recorded on this docket number. Upon filing an additional case in which Bridgestone Corporation and Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.(n/k/a Bridgestone/Firestone North America Tire, LLC) are named as co-defendants, and in which Ford Motor Company is not a defendant, it will automatically be consolidated for pre-trial purposes in 01MD-3.

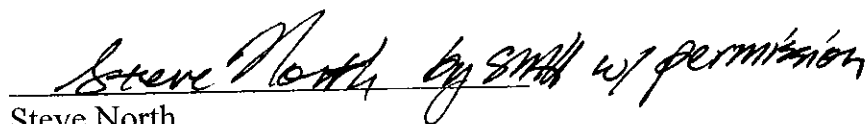
IT IS SO ORDERED.

Entered this ____ day of _____, 2002.



Honorable Thomas W. Brothers, Circuit Judge

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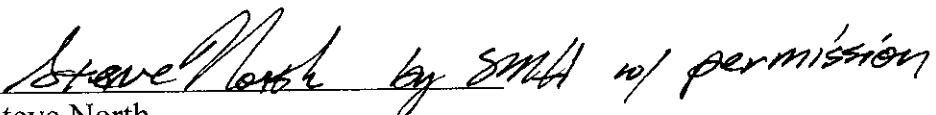
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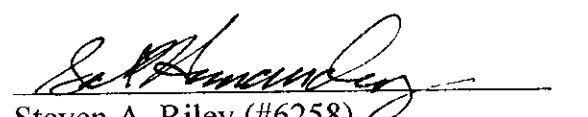
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JOINT MOTION TO MODIFY ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION

As evidenced by the signatures of counsel below, Bridgestone Corporation ("Bridgestone"), Bridgestone/Firestone North America Tire, LLC ("Firestone") and Plaintiffs have agreed that the Court should modify its Order of Consolidation dated May 21, 2001, in the following manner:

1. The case styling of In re Bridgestone/Firestone & General Motors Corp. Tire Cases, case no. 01MD-3 should be changed to In re Bridgestone/Firestone Tire Cases, case no. 01MD-3.
2. Cases that name Bridgestone and Firestone as co-defendants, but do not name Ford Motor Company as a defendant, should be consolidated with In re Bridgestone/Firestone Tire Cases, case no. 01MD-3.

The parties submit that such modifications are appropriate since the Plaintiffs in Consolidated Action 01MD-3 have non-suited General Motors Corporation, and are beginning to file cases that only name Bridgestone and Firestone as defendants. The parties submit contemporaneously herewith a proposed order for entry.

Respectfully submitted,

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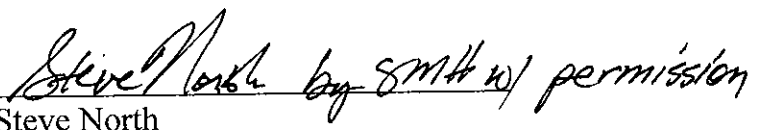
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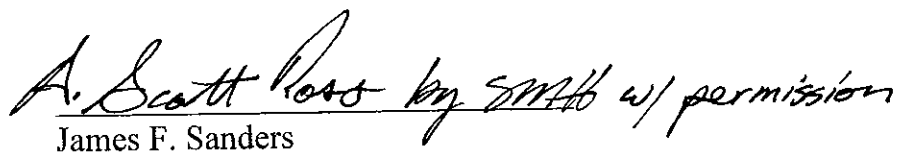
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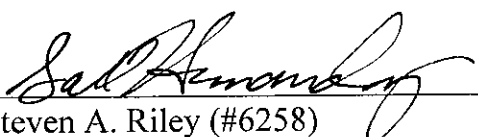
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